

The Fur Trade in Michigan's History

The fur trade was a vital industry in the Great Lakes region long before Michigan became a state. From the early days of French-Canadian "voyageurs" who travelled the waterways in birch-bark canoes, trappers and traders followed their business from the Straits of Mackinac to the Straits of Detroit and beyond.

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